

4 FAH-2 H-740 SERVICED AND NON-SERVICED AGENCIES

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4 FAH-2 H-741 INTRODUCTION

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This subchapter prescribes the level of services provided by the Department of State to other federal agencies overseas. The Department of State's overseas financial management systems (OFMS) in Bangkok and Charleston and the FSC Paris accounting and disbursement system (A&D), disburses funds for U.S. government agencies doing business abroad. The Financial Service Center (FSC) not only provides disbursing, but may also provide varying levels of accounting and reporting responsibilities. The services provided and the amount of information that the systems will edit in a strip code depends on the relationship of the agency to its servicing post.

4 FAH-2 H-742 SERVICED AGENCIES

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If the State Department performs an agency's accounting services, the agency is considered to be a fully serviced agency. The FSC provides two different levels of accounting services for serviced agencies: (1) serviced agency—serviced allotment; and (2) serviced agency—non-serviced allotment.

4 FAH-2 H-742.1 Serviced Agencies—Serviced Allotment

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a. If the USDO has accounting and disbursing responsibility for the serviced agency allotments, the USDO is responsible for the allotment ledgers and account balances. The USDO maintains the agency's strip code elements in the FSC reference files, and produce the funding, obligation or payment transactions and records them in the accounting records for the serviced agency. Reimbursement for this level of service is established by the post ICASS agreement with the agency or organization.

b. Both headquarter personnel for the agency, and the State personnel managing the allotment at the post level, will receive the following monthly reports: (See 4 FAH-2 H-714 for a complete description of each report.)

FMC-60

Status of Funds Report

FMC-62	Status of Obligation Report (post only)
FMC-80	Transcript of Documents Processed
VADR	Voucher Auditors Detail Report (OFMS)
1167M	Voucher Auditors Detail Report (A&D)
SF-1221	Statement of Transactions According To Appropriations, Funds, and Receipt Accounts (Foreign Service Account), (Hqts only)
FS-478	Report of Disbursement by Allotment (Hqts only)
FS-477	Payment and Collection Transfer
ACDA.057	List of Voucher Processed

c. Adjustments and corrections of rejected transactions will be the responsibility of State personnel in coordination with the serviced agencies representative at post.

4 FAH-2 H-742.2 Serviced Agencies—Non-Serviced Allotment

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a. If the allotment is the responsibility of another accounting center (e.g., serviced agency personnel assigned overseas), it is called a serviced agency with a non-serviced allotment.

b. When payments are made against serviced agency and non-serviced allotments, only part of the strip code element will be edited.

c. In general, the strip code elements, which are created by posts for their own purposes (e.g., project, property, debtor/creditor) will not be edited by either the overseas financial management system (OFMS) or the accounting and disbursing system (A&D).

d. Accounting and disbursing information provided to non-serviced agency personnel will be less comprehensive than the information provided to fully serviced allotments. The monthly reports are mailed directly to the address of record for each government agency.

e. Form FS-477, Payment and Collection Transfer Register, will be transmitted to the serviced agency's accounting post. That is, when Paris disburses for Bonn, the Form FS-477 goes to Bonn. If the disbursement is from a headquarters held allotment, Form FS-477 goes to the agency headquarters.

f. The FMC-60 and the FMC-62 reports are only produced at the accounting site for the serviced allotments, which is not the disbursing post in this instance. The FMC-60 Report is sent to Agency headquarters. The FMC-62 Report stays at post, and is not sent to headquarters. The FMC-80 Report is created by each FSC and sent to the accounting post.

4 FAH-2 H-743 NON-SERVICED AGENCIES

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If the government agency maintains its own accounting functions for all its locations abroad, it is called a “non-serviced agency.” For the non-serviced agency account, OFMS and A&D systems will not verify the accuracy of the strip code elements. The two systems will only edit the appropriation and Treasury bureau code for the non-serviced agencies. This is because not all of the reference materials are maintained in the respective edit files and tables. The two systems will edit the appropriation and Treasury bureau code for the non-serviced agencies. The strip code elements are reported on all vouchers and Form SF-1167, Voucher and Schedule of Payments (Continuation Sheets). Strip code data for non-serviced agencies must be submitted to the servicing post and entered into the two overseas systems so it will appear on the monthly VADR, which will be used for accounting purposes by the headquarters of the non-serviced agency. The USDO will make payments, report disbursements to Treasury, and send Form SF-1221, Statement of Transactions According to Appropriations, Funds, and Receipt Accounts (Foreign Service Account), List of Vouchers Processed (ACDA.057), and VADR to the address of record for each non-serviced agency or bureau.

b. The USDO is responsible for making payments, accepting collections and reporting these transactions to the Treasury at month-end.

c. To support transactions made by the FSC, the following reports are sent to each non-serviced agency:

(1) Form SF-1221, VADR, and List of Vouchers Processed, ACDA.057 are sent by FSC Bangkok and FSC Charleston; and

(2) Forms SF-1221, 1167M, P-810 (List of Vouchers Processed) and P-11 (Summary by Appropriation) are sent by FSC Paris.

d. All disbursements and collections processed through the USDO will appear in the Treasury Undisbursed Appropriation Account Ledger, TFS 6653.

e. The USDO will edit both appropriation and Treasury bureau codes for non-serviced agencies. OFMS and A&D will not, however, verify the accuracy of the complete strip code elements, as they are not kept in the post's reference files or tables.

4 FAH-2 H-744 STRIP CODE

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a. What is a strip code? (A unique series of numbers that identify each transaction. Strip codes vary for each agency.)

Agency:	4 digits numeric only 1900, 2001 etc. 2 digits—Agency to—Essential for all strip codes 2 digits—Agency from—Not essential).
Appropriation:	10 characters consisting of 2 digit fiscal year, 4 digit Treasury symbol, and 4 spaces for the point limitation—always numerical except an X when indicating a no year appropriation limit. If there is no point limit shown, it must be filled with zeros.
Bureau Code:	2 digits—numeric only.
Allotment:	Expenditure authority—up to 15 characters, alphanumeric(Denotes allocation of budget authority (funds) internally by organization,. Essential for serviced agencies with non-serviced allotments.)
Obligation:	10 characters, alphanumeric. Essential for all serviced agencies.
Function Code	
Cost Center:	8 characters—alphanumeric
Object Code:	6 characters—alphanumeric
Cost Category:	3 characters—alphanumeric
Project Code:	8 characters—alphanumeric
Property Number:	10 characters—alphanumeric

b. Strip coding elements described above are listed in the sequence in which they are processed for hard copy documents. They are the most commonly used elements.

c. Validations for serviced agencies are done from the agency element through the object class with the function codes validated by FBO only. Non-serviced agencies' validations are done from agency element through the bureau code only.

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